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SUBJ: GA PLENARY, NOVEMBER 19 A.M.: DECOLONIZATION
(ITEM 23)

1. DECOLONIZATION DEBATE CONTINUED WITH STATEMENTS
BY REPS OF LIBERIA, TUNISIA, ROMANIA, MEXICO, ALBANIA,
PAKISTAN, POLAND, IRAQ AND KUWAIT. TWO PERSISTENT THEMES
WERE CHARGES OF US-PORTUGUESE COLLUSION IN ME AND AFRICA
AND US COLONIALISM IN PUERTO RICO. LIBERIAN REP
(FAHNBULLEH) QUOTED OTTAWAY ARTICLE IN "WASHINGTON POST",
BUT CONCLUDED WITH HOPE THAT US WOULD "HELP SOUTHERN AFRICAN
PEOPLE". MESTIRI (TUNISIA) DESCRIBED PORTUGUESE AS
"SHAMELESS" IN ASKING FOR AID FROM US IN ORDER ATTACK
AFRICA FURTHER, AFTER HAVING FOSTERED INTERESTS OF
COLONIALISM IN ME AS WELL. PREDICTABLY, ALBANIAN PERMREP
(NACO) CRITICIZED "RACIST COLONIALISM" OF US WHICH
"DOMINATES PUERTO RICO", TRYING TO TRANSFER IT INTO MILITARY
BASE. NACO DESCRIBED "GREAT POWER COLLUSION" AS "GREAT
MENACE". IRAQI ALSO CRITICIZED US SUPPORT FOR PORTUGAL,
AND PRAISED COMMITTEE OF 24'S "IMPORTANT DECISION" ON
PUERTO RICO.

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2. COMMENT: DURING LAST YEAR'S UNGA, ONLY CUBA RAISED
PUERTO RICAN ISSUE IN COMITE AND PLENARY. WHILE WE HAVE
NO HARD EVIDENCE, BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT CUBANS
HAVE ORCHESTRATED CRITICISM ON PR LEVELED AT US.
REASON MAY BE TO LEAVE WITH MEDIA AND PR INDEPENDENCE
TYPES IMPRESSION THAT CUBAN POSITION ON PR ENJOYS WIDE-
SPREAD SUPPORT AMONG UN MEMBERS.
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